
Subject: Re: IDL vs. matlab

Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Wed, 04 Apr 2001 15:23:03 GMT

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Hi,

Have you looked into Dadisp? Free student version, limited slightly though. Incentives available, if you want a full version. Really intuitive interface. I used it for graduate work, and found it fully adequate. Check <http://www.dadisp.com/> Full price is comparable with IDL or Matlab, but you can get a feel for it for free.

I use IDL now. In contrast with Dadisp, IDL does require programming, and, IMHO, is more *project-oriented*. In other words, you can write really nice things in IDL if you know well what you are doing. But if you are not quite sure what you are doing (as I was during my undergrad and grad work), fast prototyping of numerical models is easier and cheaper in Dadisp.

Cheers,
Pavel

Bruno wrote:

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> Just want to get the group's opinion regarding this. I am an undergrad and I
> am thinking about buying IDL or MATLAB (student version). Most of my friends
> are advising for the latter software product since it's apparently more
> powerful and widely available on university systems. What do you think?

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> Thanks

> Bruno
